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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT TOPIC Finow AirfieldEVALUATION 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1DATE OF CONTENT 25X1DATE OBTAINED 25X1 DATE PREPARED 14 July 1953REFERENCES PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) 1 - sketch on ditto

REMARKS

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1. The following observations were made at Finow airfield between 18 May and 6 June 1953:

25X1 18 May. There was air activity by MiG-15 and U-MiG-15 planes at day and night. One plane was observed towing a sleeve target.

25X1 19 May. There was formation flying by a formation of 7 MiG-15 and U-MiG-15 planes and, another time, by a formation of 8 MiG-15 and U-MiG-15 aircraft. In addition about 20 swept-back jet fighters practiced local flying in elements of two in favourable weather. In early morning an alert was sounded by the siren located on Post Strasse. After the take-offs of four MiG-15s, between 6 and 6:10 a.m., a number of motor vehicles occupied by soldiers, including some female soldiers, wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and armed with carbines, submachine guns and carrying gas masks, left the field toward Finowfurt.

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25X1 Between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., the motor vehicles returned individually from the direction of Finowfurt.

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25X1 Among the motor vehicles observed there were about eight special cars with gray paint, which resembled the Opel-Kadett delivery van. [REDACTED]

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20 May. There was day flying, mostly formation flying in flights and elements of two by Yak-11s and some local flights by swept-back jet fighters. After 8 p.m., MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s practiced night flying.

21 May. Only a few local flights were made. There were no clouds.

22 May. There was little air activity while the weather was cloudless.

25X1 6 June. At 5:30 p.m., 42 MiG-15s and U-MiG-15 planes and 7 Yak-11s were counted at the field and in addition 10 MiG-15s and Yak-11s were estimated to be there. [REDACTED]

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2. On 22 May, six 37-mm AA guns were still observed in the AA gun emplacement in the southeastern corner of the field.

25X1 3. In May, [REDACTED] work was under way on buildings on Post Strasse in the restricted area. The contract for work was not issued by the Kech office as was usual but by an air force supply unit "Sklad" [REDACTED]

25X1 [REDACTED] probably was not subordinate to the air force unit in Finow. The workers hired for work in the restricted area had to report to the supply unit before being allowed to enter the area. These workers had no passes but were escorted by an interpreter. The accounts were issued for Captain Bodovski (fnu). The supply unit of Captain Bodovski had a small personnel strength which included another captain and 5 to 10 soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. Two trucks and sedan [REDACTED]

25X1 were assigned to the unit. [REDACTED] the supply unit which was quartered in the northern section of August-Bebel Strasse was charged with administration and supply of the air force PXs and warehouses and picked up goods in Werder. [REDACTED]

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25X1 1. [REDACTED] Comment. The practice alert was previously reported [REDACTED]

25X1 [REDACTED]. The alert was probably conducted by one of the two OATBs stationed in Finow as at least 10 tank trucks were involved.

25X1 2. [REDACTED] Comment. Finow airfield is believed to be still occupied by a fighter division and two fighter regiments with at least 50 MiG-15s.

25X1 3. [REDACTED] Comment. Bodovski probably reads Boldovski. Boldovski is the chief of the trade and supply department of the headquarters of the fighter division in Finow. He was previously reported in connection with the merchandise distribution point, referred to as Basa, in Werder. [REDACTED]

25X1 assumption that the department does not belong to the air force unit in Finow is not correct. The Russian "Sklad" means dump.

25X1 4. [REDACTED] Comment. For sketch of northern section of Finow restricted area, see Annex.

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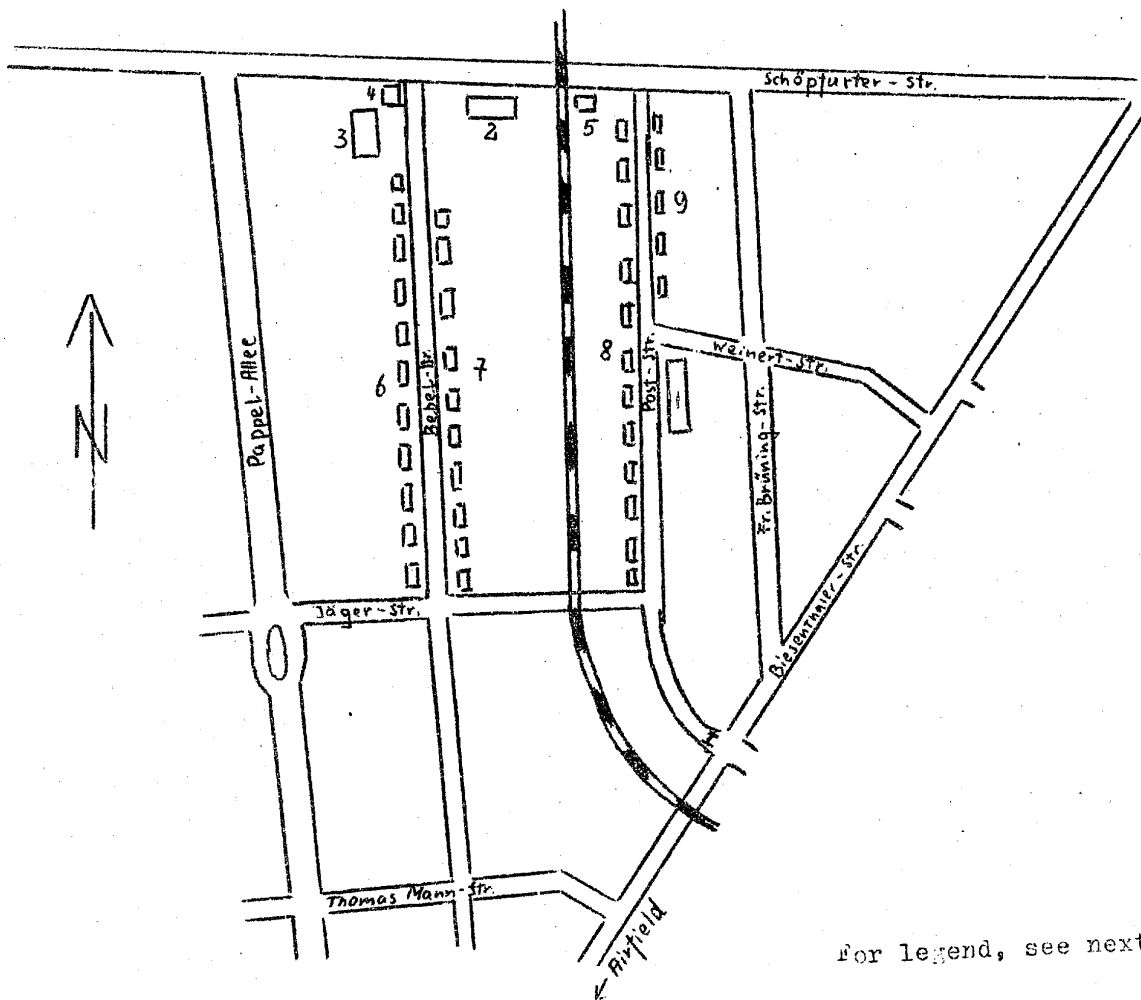
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Northern Section of Finow Restricted Area



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Northern Section of Finow Restricted Area

Legend:

- 1 Building probably occupied by headquarters of fighter division in Finow.
- 2 Former Restaurant "Sportpark", now mess for officers and EM.
- 3 PX of air force supply unit.
- 4 Administrative building of air force supply unit.
- 5 Building occupied by a lieutenant colonel, ranking officer of the air force unit, called "divisionaer" by an interpreter.
- 6 About 15 dwelling houses, including 10 two-family houses and 5 four-family houses; now used as quarters for air force supply unit and other units, including female soldiers, wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, and as storehouse for billeting equipment.
- 7 About 10 dwelling houses, occupied by air force soldiers.
- 8 About 15 dwelling houses, occupied by air force officers.
- 9 Eight to 10 dwelling houses, occupied by air force officers.

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